



SHELTON STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fine Arts Division

Inaugural West Alabama High School
Jazz Band Festival

March 24, 2018

10:00am-6:30pm

Dr. Elijah Pugh – Host

Dr. Gordon Towell – Clinician

Sipsey Valley High School	10:00 am
	Brooke Mason – Director
Hale County High School	10:40am
	Bob Sheehan – Director
West Blocton High School	11:20am
	Andrew Cox – Director
Tuscaloosa County High School	1:30pm
	Dr. Jed Smart – Director
Northridge High School	2:10pm
	John Cain – Director
Paul W. Bryant High School	2:40pm
	Selwyn Reed – Director
TCHS Velvet Blue Orchestra	3:20pm
	Mike Guzman – Director
Shelton State Jazz Ensemble – Featuring Dr. Gordon Towell	5:30pm
	Dr. Elijah Pugh – Director

Dr. Towell

When Saxophonist Gordon Towell is not teaching jazz in a Loyola University classroom, he's likely to be performing with many national acts. Towell, who holds a BEd in music education from the University of Alberta, an MM in jazz studies from Indiana University, and a DME with a cognate in jazz studies from the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, has shared his expertise with students at the University of Cincinnati, Morehead State University, Indiana University, Keyano College, Grant MacEwan College, and numerous public schools. As Coordinator of jazz studies at Loyola University, New Orleans, Towell directs jazz band I and jazz combos, teaches jazz history, arranging/composition, and improvisation. He also finds time to adjudicate, guest solo, and perform with national and international artists, and conduct throughout Canada and the U.S. His saxophone performance can be heard on Outlier, Sketch Pad, Ask Me Now, Blue Duck Suit, and Still Friends, which are all available through cdbaby.com. These CDs have been featured on NPR, CBC, and CKUA radio. Gordon is a recipient of the 2001 Morehead State University's Distinguished Creative Productions Award. He is a Conn Selmer clinician and plays Selmer saxophones.

Dr. Pugh

Elijah Pugh is the Instrumental Music Director at Shelton State Community College where he teaches the Concert Band and Jazz Bands. Pugh concurrently holds the position of Instructor of Upper Brass at Stillman College, where he teaches the trumpet and horn studios as well as Music History. Dr. Pugh holds a BS in music from Morehead State University, a MM in trumpet performance from Eastern Kentucky University, and a DMA in trumpet performance from The University of Alabama. As an active freelancer, he performs regularly with the Tuscaloosa Big Band, Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, Theater Tuscaloosa, Prentice Concert Chorale and is a founding member of the "Tuskaloosa" Brass Quintet. Equally active as a clinician, he has had the privilege of presenting guest master classes and clinics regularly at high schools and universities throughout the southeastern United States. He is an XO Brass Artist.